

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A device used in connection with a network, said device comprising:

a communication unit configured to communicate with a client via said network based on HTTP;

an identification unit configured to input OS information representing an operating system installed in said client to identify a type of said operating system used in said client, said OS information being described in a User-Agent that is an environment variable in a HTTP request sent from said client;

a search unit configured to search a storage location on said network of device control software, which corresponds to said identified type of said operating system and controls said device, from a database in which specifications of operating systems and storage locations of device control software are recorded in association with each other, said database being stored in a predetermined server connected to said device via said network; and

an information unit configured to inform said client of said searched storage location of said device control software.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): A device according to claim 1,

wherein said information unit generates and sends to said client a markup language file including a link to the storage location of said device control software.

Claims 3 and 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): A device according to claim 1,

wherein said storage locations in said database are also recorded in association with model information of devices, and

said search unit uses the model information of said device and said identified type of said operating system to search the storage location of said device control software.

Claim 6 (Original): A device according to claim 1, wherein said database is described in XML.

Claims 7-9 (Canceled).